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Sagar Parikarma Project
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the Sagar Parikarma Project recently;

(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;

(c) the purpose of launching the said project; and

(d) the funds sanctioned for the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (c): Project 'Sagar Parikarma' was launched in 2007. The objective of the project was solo-circumnavigation of the Globe in a sailboat. This was successfully accomplished in 2009-10 by Cdr Dilip Donde. After the success of 'Sagar Parikarma I', in 2012-13, 'Sagar Parikarma II' was undertaken with a solo 'non-stop' circumnavigation by Cdr Abhilash Tomy. The other purposes of Sagar Parikarma I & II were:

(i) To inspire the youth of India to develop an understanding of the sea and a sense of adventure and spirit.

(ii) To instill in the young officers of the Navy a sense of national pride and achievement through a successful solo-circumnavigation voyage.

(d) An amount of Rs.6 Crore was sanctioned for the project 'Sagar Parikarma I' including Rs.4.3 crores for construction of the boat, Mhadei. An amount of Rs.72 lakhs was sanctioned for 'Sagar Parikarma II'.

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